

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7002

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Robert H. Montgomery of Kingsport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Robert H. Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montgomery was an exemplary public servant and consummate dentist who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a leader in dentistry in the Kingsport area, in which profession he earned the respect of his peers and patients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late James A. and Julia Vicars Montgomery, Dr. Robert Montgomery was born on July 1, 1925, in Rye Cove, Virginia. Following his graduation from Rye Cove High School, Dr. Montgomery attended East Tennessee State University and graduated from the College of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis in 1952; and

WHEREAS, a talented and committed dentist, Dr. Montgomery practiced in Kingsport for more than fifty years before his retirement in 2007; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of this country's Greatest Generation, Robert Montgomery served with valor and honor as a member of the United States Army during World War II. In 1944 and 1945, he rendered sterling service as a Staff Sergeant in the 7th Armored Division, A-38, in the European Theatre, namely in France, Luxembourg, Holland, Belgium, and Germany; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the 7th Armored, he fought in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for his valiant service. Wholly committed to his brothers-in-arms, Dr. Montgomery served as the national president of the 7th Armored Division Association from 2006 until 2008; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his profession, Dr. Robert Montgomery stood as president of the Tennessee Dental Association, as chairman of the UT Dental Alumni Association, and as a member of the International College of Dentistry and the American College of Dentistry. He was recognized for his contributions to dentistry in 2003, when he received the Dr. Jack Wells Memorial Dedication to Dentistry Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montgomery also dedicated his time and energies to a number of civic and community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout member of the First Broad Street United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montgomery was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ruth Cline Montgomery, and was the proud father of Judge Robert H. Montgomery, Jr., and his wife, Jamie, and Dr. Randall C. Montgomery and his wife, Amy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Montgomery will also be sorely missed by his grandsons, Andrew and Alex, his brother, Father James A. Montgomery, and several nieces and nephews ; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montgomery leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Robert H. Montgomery, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Montgomery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.